

CRITERIA FOR BURIAL IN THE FIELDS OF HONOUR – WOODLAND CEMETERY – SECTION 18

Section 18: Rows 1 through 21 “Veteran Personnel Only”:

- (i) Only persons who were a Canadian, British, British Commonwealth, British Empire, Allied War Veteran, including members of the Merchant Navy defined in the Letters Patent of the Last Post Fund (World War II and the Korean Conflict) and who were honourably discharged.
- (ii) A War Veteran is defined as a person who was a member of Her (His) Majesty’s or Allied Armed Forces, on active service during the following war periods:

Boer War	(1899 – 1902)
First World War	(1914 – 1918)
Second World War	(1939 – 1945)
Korean War	(1950 – 1953)
Vietnam War	(1959 – 1975)
- (iii) Members of the Canadian Armed Forces who have served in all Peace-Keeping Conflicts and were honourably discharged including :

Bosnia	(1992 – 1995)
Rwanda	(1994 – 1995)
Afghanistan	(2001 – 2011)
Iraq	(2003 – Present)
- (iv) Members of the Canadian Armed Forces who are honourably discharged.
- (v) An application for burial in the Field of Honour, attached hereto and marked as Appendix A, must be completed in full and submitted for approval to the Secretary of the Hamilton Veterans’ Committee, with proof of service (Service Discharge Papers), and in the case of family-paid burials, full payment for the upright monument.
- (vi) Only Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA) markers, marking the Veteran buried in the grave shall be permitted in the Fields of Honour, Woodland Cemetery. DVA Upright Markers shall be placed at the head of the grave, centred on the grave in keeping with the uniformity of the Fields of Honour: Rows 1 through 21.
- (vii) Married couples who are both Veterans and meet the above-noted criteria, have the right to be buried side-by-side in the Fields of Honour, Woodland Cemetery. The adjacent grave can be reserved until the death of the spouse, provided that:

- a) A completed Application for Burial in the Fields of Honour is submitted and approved for the spouse at the time of the initial application; and,
 - b) Full payment for the spouse's upright monument is submitted to the Secretary, Hamilton Veterans Committee, with the completed application; and,
 - c) Full payment or arrangements for an interest-free payment plan, is made to the Hamilton Municipal Cemeteries, for the spouse's grave and the interment, within six months from the time of the first interment. The marker setting fee is paid at the time it will be required and cannot be placed on a Prepayment Plan.
- (viii) Allocation, Marking and Care of Graves in the Fields of Honour, Woodland Cemetery: Rows 1 through 21:
- a) Each grave may contain the remains of one (1) eligible deceased person.
 - b) Only 6-ft traditional burials (with mandatory outer container) or cremation interment (in a permanent container) can take place in a grave in Section 18; Rows 1 through 21.
 - c) All gravesites are allocated in sequential order in accordance with the agreed site plan.
 - d) There will be no prior selection of graves or allocation by rank, service, unit or regiment.
 - e) In order to preserve the uniformity of the Fields of Honour, Woodland Cemetery: Rows 1 through 21, and without exception, all graves in this section are to be marked with the standard Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA) upright monument.
- (ix) No flowers, plants (artificial or real) or other articles including candles (or votives) shall be placed on a Veteran's grave and nothing shall be affixed to a Veteran's marker in the Fields of Honour, Woodland Cemetery, with the exception of winter wreaths on stands that are permitted from November 1 to April 1 of each year.

- (x) Mini Canadian Flags are placed on each veteran's grave by Hamilton Municipal Cemeteries' staff in honour of Decoration Day Ceremonies in June of each year.

Families are encouraged to make donations of flowers and plants or monies for the purchase of same, for inclusion in the Garden of Remembrance located in the Fields of Honour, Woodland Cemetery, by contacting the Hamilton Municipal Cemeteries.

Section 18, Rows 22 – 30 “Veterans and their Partners”:

- (i) Only persons who were a Canadian, British, British Commonwealth, British Empire, Allied War Veteran, including members of the Merchant Navy as defined in the Letters Patent of the Last Post Fund (World War II and the Korean Conflict) and who were honourably discharged.
- (ii) A War Veteran is defined as a person who was a member of Her (His) Majesty's or Allied Armed Forces, on active service during the following war periods:
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| Boer War | (1899 – 1902) |
| First World War | (1914 – 1918) |
| Second World War | (1939 – 1945) |
| Korean War | (1950 – 1953) |
| Vietnam War | (1959 – 1975) |
- (iii) Members of the Canadian Armed Forces who have served in all Peace-Keeping Conflicts and were honourably discharged including :
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| Bosnia | (1992 – 1995) |
| Rwanda | (1994 – 1995) |
| Afghanistan | (2001 – 2011) |
| Iraq | (2003 – Present) |
- (iv) Members of the Canadian Armed Forces who are honourably discharged.
- (v) A spouse or common-law partner of an eligible person described above.
- (vi) An application for burial in the Field of Honour, attached hereto and marked as Appendix A, must be completed in full and submitted for approval, to the Secretary, Hamilton Veterans Committee, with proof of service (Service Discharge Papers), and in the case of family-paid burials, full payment for the Upright monument (for the Veteran).
- (vii) Only Department of Veteran Affairs (DVA) markers, marking the Veteran buried in the grave shall be permitted in the Fields of Honour, Woodland

Cemetery. DVA Upright markers shall be placed at the head of the grave, centred on the grave in keeping with the uniformity of the Fields of Honour.

- (viii) Only a Flat foot marker, marking the spouse or common-law partner (of the Veteran) buried in the grave with the Veteran, shall be permitted in the Fields of Honour, Rows 22 through 30 in Woodland Cemetery.
- (ix) Allocation, marking and care of graves in the Fields of Honour, Section 18, Rows 22 through 30, Woodland Cemetery:
 - a) Each grave may contain the remains of a maximum two (2) eligible deceased people, one of whom must be an eligible member or veteran as described above; and the other may be an eligible spouse or common-law partner.
 - b) Only 6-ft traditional burials (with mandatory outer container) and/or cremation interments (in a permanent container) can take place in a grave in Section 18, Rows 22 through 30.
 - c) All gravesites are allocated in sequential order in accordance with the agreed site plan.
 - d) There will be no prior selection of graves or allocation by rank, service, unit or regiment.
 - e) In order to preserve the uniformity of the Fields of Honour, Woodland Cemetery, and without exception, all graves in the Fields of Honour are to be marked with the standard Department of Veteran Affairs upright monument
 - f) Spousal commemoration specifications will be as follows (no exception):
 - (i) The size of the foot marker will be 20" x 12" x 4".
 - (ii) Material for the foot marker is to match the Veteran's marker as to the type of granite (Stanstead or Barre) or bronze on granite.
 - (iii) Inscription to employ the same font used in the Veteran's marker (Smith Sip No. 2 or Monu-Cad No 69) with no highlighting of letters.

- (iv) Inscribing by sandblast process letters to be V-sunk, or by hand, to a minimum depth of 6mm (1/4”).
- (v) The instrument that commemorates the spouse or common-law partner of the Veteran shall not detract or overshadow the Veteran’s grave marker.
- g) No flowers, plants (artificial or real) or other articles including candles (or votives) shall be placed on a Veteran’s grave and nothing shall be affixed to a Veteran’s marker in the Fields of Honour, Woodland Cemetery, with the exception of winter wreaths on stands that are permitted from November 1 to April 1 of each year.
- h) Mini Canadian Flags are placed on each veteran’s grave by Hamilton Municipal Cemeteries’ staff in honour of Decoration Day Ceremonies in June of each year.

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